

Briefly Told

A candy manufacturer, in a letter to the State Department, lists his business as fifth in benefits from the prohibition laws. The four taking precedence of candy-making are savings banks, soft drinks, ice cream and moving pictures, in the order named.

Captain W. W. Gilmer, who achieved some fame recently by reason of forbidding whistling on the island of Guam, of which he was governor, has announced he will resign his commission in the navy.

A loss of more than 35,000,000 in world population has been traced to the World War by a committee formed to investigate the losses. The actual battle deaths were more than 9,000,000, the others were caused by war epidemics, food blockades and starvation and the fall in the normal birth rate.

It is estimated that there were harvested this year in Kansas 1,500,000 acres of "volunteer" wheat worth about \$100,000,000. The wheat was not planted but sprang up from the neglected harvest of a year ago when the crops were deserted.

Brazil will try to relieve its print paper shortage by legislation favoring the erection of subsidized plants and the use of native products. Much of Brazil's paper now is imported.

A Welsh coal firm, which recently opened offices in New York, has contracted for 35,000,000 tons of United States coal.

France put on a "spite meet" of Olympic athletes after the games at Antwerp, to show that the French people would patronize the games better than the Belgians. There were larger crowds at Colombes than at Antwerp. The Americans, as usual, won the meet.

London heard a real "jazz" band for the first time recently. It was made up of shoulder-shaking American Southern Negroes with moaning trombones and delirious drums, and, according to the papers, the audience was captivated and even began to hitch around in their seats.

The pearl industry has taken up the X-ray as a money saver. The oysters are radiographed without the shells being opened, and those containing no pearls are not considered. Those showing signs of small pearls are put back to give the jewel a chance to grow up.

A Paris dispatch gives the present occupation of various former Russian royalty and officers as follows: Count Paul Ignatieff, dairy farmer; Prince Lyszezinski, bank clerk; Princess Metchersky, house decorator; General Nicolaieff, motor truck driver; Colonel Doroshensky, motor repairman; Prince Goudacheff, farmer. Several former members of the Russian aristocracy are driving taxicabs in Paris.

The first decision of a woman jury in Ohio resulted in a newly married couple keeping possession of the house from which their landlord had tried to evict them. The case was heard in Akron.

James Wilson, who died August 26, at Traer, Iowa, held the record of having served the longest as a cabinet member in the history of the country. He was Secretary of Agriculture under Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, serving 15 years.

In spite of the Eighteenth Amendment the hops harvest in Oregon is larger than ever before.

A young woman who is homesteading a piece of land near Bend, Oregon, has been forbidden to enter the town while wearing riding trousers, the garments which she habitually wears at home.

An agreement is reported between the Letvian Government and an American railway company for the delivery of \$25,000,000 worth of rolling stock and materials. Letvia is a republic formerly part of the Russian Baltic territory.

One panther, fighting for her cub, inflicted defeat upon the 104th Aero Squadron at Sanderson, Texas. The aviators decided to get the cub for a mascot, but beat a hasty retreat when the mother cat came to the rescue. The engagement was the subject of a War Department dispatch.

An appeal to the Methodist Church to help improve dancing, rather than to continue its ban, was made by the American National Association of Masters of Dancing.

Oregon City, Oregon, is going to have an election for mayor, and there are no candidates. The present mayor is not running for re-election.

In seven months of 1920 there were 754 forest fires in British Columbia. The damage was estimated at \$71,458.

Parley P. Christensen, candidate for president of the Farmer-Labor party is six feet four inches tall. He has been grand master in the Grand Lodge of Elks.

Australia, which produces much of the wool of the world, is considering a program of building textile factories which would, it is hoped, be large enough in about 10 years, to use all wool grown in the country.

Eskimo miners and trappers by the hundreds saw their first airplane when the flight of army machines arrived in Alaska recently. The towns were decorated for the occasion.

Lloyd George is left-handed.

German brewers are using the ultra-violet ray to purify their kegs.

Spitzbergen, a large island in the Arctic regions of Europe, is attracting the eyes of oil-hunters, evidences of petroleum having been discovered there.

Natalite, a mixture of alcohol and ether, has been found to be a good substitute for gasoline for power. It is derived from waste vegetation, and is named for Natal, South Africa, where its use was discovered.

Workers in factories in Milan, Italy, have ousted the owners, setting up Communist government and ownership of the mills.

A bill has been introduced in the British Parliament to check divorces. One provision calls for jail terms for both male and female co-respondents in divorce suits.

Value is a matter of locality. In Western Mexico there is a railroad with ties of ebony and road ballast of silver ore.

W. J. Ferguson, a call boy at Ford's theater in Washington on the night of the assassination of President Lincoln, still is on the stage. He is now playing in a popular show in New York.

Every man in the village of Huerta Pelayo, in the province of Guadalajara, Spain, has decided to emigrate to the United States. The families will follow later.

When Polybius Pappathodorocoumountorgotopolous moved out, Fort Wayne, Indiana, lost one of its best-known citizens.

Detroit River prohibition guards, searching for smugglers of whisky from Canada, seized a motor boat and found it contained a bottle of champagne and a fine array of woman's clothing.

Turkish women have appealed to Mustapha Kemal for permission to form a battalion of death to fight the Greeks.

A postmaster's assistant in Leeds, England, accused of embezzling funds in his care claimed he was hypnotized and shell shocked. He was sent to jail for nine months to give the spell time to wear off.

Under an agreement between theater owners and motion picture operators of Montreal, the operators will receive a salary of \$50 a week.

According to a London paper the heaviest voting in the recent coal miners' ballot for a general strike was done by the boys and young men who favored the strike so that they would have a holiday.

Persistent rumors that the Czar and his family escaped execution at the hands of the Russian revolutionists received another check recently when an "eyewitness" told of the death of the royal personages.

Conscience got the better of filial regard at Enid, Oklahoma, and a young woman resident of that town, who found counterfeiting moulds in her father's room, caused his arrest.

Alexander Bowdish, 83 years old, who was a reporter on the staff of the New York Tribune under Horace Greeley, died at Kansas City, Missouri.

Men have different ways of taking exercise. Foch skips rope, Billy Sunday turns handsprings and Secretary Baker carries a market basket.

One of the peculiarities of Lake Superior is that the bodies of persons drowned in its waters rarely are recovered. After a week's search no trace was found of the bodies of 29 lost in the wreck of the steamer Superior City.

Ex-Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, in a speech at St. Louis, predicted an alliance of Germany, Russia and Japan to contest supremacy of the world with the United States.

The proprietor of a Chicago silk company caught a thief by attaching a string to a bolt of silk on the counter and fastening the other end to a set of sleigh-bells.

Congressman Hugh S. Hersman, of California, who attempted to make a speech to Korean students at Seoul was interrupted by the Japanese police and his speech stopped. The speaker was one of a party of Congressmen touring the Orient.

A motion picture, carrying the indorsement of President Wilson, is being prepared for the political campaign to favor the League of Nations. It will be called "Uncle Sam of Freedom Ridge."

Development of a new two-cycle internal combustion engine for ships and stationary work is announced by the president of a steel company. Great economy in the operation of its ore ships through the new motor is expected by the company.

Increase of the interest rate on postal savings deposits from two per cent to four per cent has been advocated by Eugene Meyer, Jr., former managing director of the war finance corporation.

The sudden closing of many woolen mills in the United States has put nearly 500,000 textile workers out of a job or on part time. The Department of Labor has been asked to make an investigation of the shut-down.

A reversal of the usual procedure in military government tactics is reported from Cork. Soldiers doing police duty have been notified by Sinn Fein proclamation that they will be "severely dealt with" if found on the streets after nine p. m.

The nation is now short approximately five million dwellings and apartments.

Air travel over the English Channel is becoming almost as common as ferry traffic. A new line is to be established between London and Amsterdam.

"The greatest human being I have ever known—a man like Shakespeare," is the tribute to William Marion Reedy, of Reedy's Mirror, by Mitchell Kennerley.

Says the editor of John Bull: "Perhaps before settling his next budget, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will consider the idea of a reciprocal poll tax upon all Americans and other aliens upon landing and also leaving our shores. At present every Britisher entering or leaving the United States has to pay a tax of thirty-five shillings."

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